

Deafblind Resource Reference Sheet

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Missouri Deafblind Technical Assistance Project

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Website: <http://www.msb.k12.mo.us>

Summary: in collaboration with other state and non-profit agencies, provides support, training and technical assistance to families and teams who work with infants, toddlers, and youth with deafblindness throughout the state. The project operates under the leadership and management of Missouri School for the Blind, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Goals of the project are achieved through six major objectives:

- Assist local and state agencies in the identification and tracking of infants, toddlers, and youth with deafblindness to enhance services.
- Provide an array of technical assistance activities that increases family support services, parent education, and parent networking.
- Provide an array of technical assistance and training activities to service providers that improve services and outcomes.
- Strengthen the statewide interagency collaboration model designed to build local capacity and to facilitate systems change.
- Implement a dissemination plan which includes information about the project, teams, effective practices, and materials developed by the project.
- Evaluate and measure impact and benefits to children with deafblindness, their families, and their service providers.

National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness - Area 2

Address:

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Shawnee Mission KS 66205
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TTY: (913) 677-4562

Contact: Barbara Purvis
Title: Technical Assistance Specialist
Email: NTAC2B@attglobal.net
Phone: (913) 677-4562 (voice mail # 12)
Website: <http://www.nationaldb.org/>

Summary: This project combines the resources and expertise of three organizations, Teaching Research Institute at Western Oregon University, Hilton/Perkins Program, Perkins School for the Blind and the Helen Keller National Center. The Consortium (NCDB) provides technical assistance on a national level, makes information relevant to deafblindness easily available and promotes personnel training efforts to improve the skills and knowledge of those working with children who are deafblind. Activities include workshops, national conferences, Webinars, consultation, maintenance of a special library of information, dissemination and product development. NCDB staff work with families, service providers, state deafblind projects, educational service personnel and federal agencies to ensure that children who are deaf-blind receive the assistance they need to achieve educational results consistent with the promises of NCLB and IDEA.

Service and Rehabilitation Programs

Helen Keller National Center Great Plains Regional Office

Address:

4330 Shawnee Mission Parkway
Suite 108
Shawnee Mission KS 66205-2522
Fax: (913) 677-1544
TTY: (913) 677-4562

Contact: Beth Jordan
Title: Regional Representative
Email: hknc7bj@aol.com
Phone: (913) 677-4562 (voice mail # 11)

Contact: Jody Searing
Title: Administrative Assistant
Email: hknc7js@aol.com
Phone: (913) 677-4562 (voice mail # 10)

Summary: HKNC regional representatives provide consultation and technical assistance to individuals with deaf-blindness and their families, and to public and private education and adult service agencies in their region. They locate, assist and refer individuals to the most appropriate programs for services, if needed. States covered by this regional office: IA, KS, MO, NE.

Alphapointe Association for the Blind

Address:

7501 Prospect
Kansas City, Missouri 64132
Phone: (816) 421-5848
Fax: (816) 237-2019

Contact: Clay Barry
Title: Executive Director
Email: cbarry@alphapointe.org
Website: www.alphapointe.org

Summary: Alphapointe's services are designed to meet the needs of youth, adults, and seniors with all types of vision loss to learn the skills needed for living and working with vision loss. It is the largest employer of blind and visually impaired individuals in Missouri and the only comprehensive rehabilitation and education service in the Kansas City metropolitan area as well as the state of Missouri.

Children's Center for the Visually Impaired (CCVI)

Address:

3101 Main
Kansas City, MO 64111
Phone: (816) 841-2284
Fax: (816) 753-7836

Contact: Mary Lynne Dolembro
Title: Executive Director
Website: www.ccvi.org

Summary: CCVI offers a comprehensive program for visually impaired children and their families, including individualized therapy, consulting services and supportive family education. Services are provided beginning in infancy through our home-based infant program, and continue on with our preschool & Kindergarten classes, preparing children for entry into the public or private school systems.

The Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments

Address:

5030 McRee Ave
Saint Louis, MO 63110
Phone: (314) 776-1300

Contact: Deborah Naucke
Title: Executive Director
Email: danaucke@dgckids.org
Website: www.dgckids.org

Summary: The Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments is committed to helping children who are blind or visually impaired reach their full potential through individualized education and therapy services for infants (birth to three years) and their parents and through support services for children of all ages, their families and the community.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind

Address: Central Office:

615 Howerton Court

Jefferson City, MO 65102-2320

Phone: (573) 751-4249

Fax: (573) 751-4984

Contact: Mark Laird, Director

Email: mark.laird@dss.mo.gov

Website: www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb/index

Summary: Provides advocacy, referrals, parent education and recommendations for services to legally blind individuals in Missouri, including assistance and support for educational and employment opportunities. Assists students and parents in developing transition programs at age 14. RSB is the point of contact for the Center for Braille and Narration Production

St. Louis Society for the Blind

Address:

8770 Manchester Rd.

St. Louis, MO 63144

Phone: (314) 968-9000

Contact: David Ekin

Email: socserv@slsbvi.org

Website: www.slsbvi.org

Summary: St Louis for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides the full range of vision rehabilitation and education services to children and adults. Although the majority of individuals served are experiencing age-related vision loss, programs and services are offered to students attending public schools through contractual agreements with local special education entities. Other services are provided to individuals of all ages.

Midwestern Braille Volunteers

Address:

325 North Kirkwood Road

Suite G-5

St. Louis, MO 63122

Phone: (314) 966-5828

Fax: (314) 966-0388

Contact: Loretta Bryant

Email: mbvol@sbcglobal.net

Website: <http://www.mbvol.org>

Summary: This organization provides transcribing services (textbooks) for blind students, and transcription services for businesses, churches and community organizations.

Blindness Skills Specialists

Heart of Missouri:

Address:

University of MO-Columbia
205 London Hall
Columbia, MO 65211

Phone: (573) 882-6156

Contact: Janice DeHart

Email: dehartj@missouri.edu

Website: www.coe.missouri.edu/~rpd

Southeast Region

Address:

Southeast MO State University
One University Plaza, MS 5000
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Phone: (573) 651-5077 or
(800) 401-6680 x4

Fax: (573)-651-5118

Contact: Jennifer K. Coy

Email: jcoy@semo.edu

Website: www4.semo.edu/rpd

Northeast Region

Address: Truman State University

Violette Hall 2200
100 East Normal
Kirksville, MO 63501

Phone: (660)785-7428

Contact: Anthony Blades

Email: ablades@truman.edu

Website: <http://rpd.truman.edu/>

Southwest Region

Address:

Missouri State University
College of Education
Hill Hall

901 S. National
Springfield, MO 65801

Phone: (417) 836-8872

(800) 735-3702 ext 6

Fax: (417) 836- 8881

Contact: Aundrayah Shermer

Email: ajs313T@missouristate.edu

Website:

<http://education.missouristate.edu/bss/>

Summary: Offers professional development, mentoring, demonstration of teaching strategies, agency referrals, coordination of educational programs, acts as a liaison for families and educators, and provides resource information.

Missouri State Resources

State Department of Education: Special Education

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Commissioner
Division of Special Education
Department of Elementary and
Secondary Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-4444
E-mail:

heidi.atkins.lieberman@dese.mo.gov

Web: www.dese.mo.gov/divspeced/

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Becky Kemna, Coordinator of Federal
Programs, Early Childhood, School
Improvement, and Accreditation
Department of Elementary and
Secondary Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-4104
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Web: www.dese.mo.gov

Programs for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities: Ages Birth through 2

Special Education Services
Department of Elementary and
Secondary Education
Joyce Jackman, Coordinator
Special Education Services
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 583-2392
E-mail: joyce.jackman@dese.mo.gov
Web: www.dese.mo.gov

First Steps System Point of Entry (SPOE)

Northwest Area -Michele Schall, Director
(816) 350-5292
Northeast Area – Pam Thomas, Director
(573) 822-2522
St. Louis Area – Marcy Morrison, Director
(314) 340-5731
Southeast Area – Charla Myers, Director
(573) 290-5999
Southwest Area – Stacey Ismail, Director
(573) 434-9671

Programs for Children with Disabilities: Ages 3 through 5

Margaret Strecker, Director
Special Education Compliance Section
Department of Elementary and Secondary
Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-3254
E-mail: theresa.villmer@dese.mo.gov
Web: www.dese.mo.gov/divspeced/

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Jeanne Loyd, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Education
3024 Dupont Circle
Jefferson City, MO 65109-0525
(573) 751-3251
Web: www.vr.dese.mo.gov

Coordinator for Transition Services

Barb Giplin, Assistant Director
Special Education Effective Practices Section
Department of Elementary and Secondary
Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480
(573) 751-7661
E-mail: barb.gilpin@dese.mo.gov
Web: www.dese.mo.gov

**Office of State Coordinator of
Vocational Education for Students
with Disabilities**

Shawn Brice, Director
Career Education Special Needs
Civil Rights Compliance and Title IX
Coordinator
Department of Elementary and
Secondary Education
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Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 522-1775
E-mail: shawn.brice@dese.mo.gov
Web:
www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/civil_rights_compliance.htm

State Mental Health Agency

Dr. Keith Schafer, Director
Department of Mental Health
1706 East Elm
P.O. Box 687
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-3070; (800) 364-9687
Web: www.dmh.mo.gov

**State Mental Health Representative for
Children and Youth**

Patricia Carter, Ph.D., Clinical Director
Missouri Department of Mental Health
P.O. Box 687
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-0142
E-mail: patsy.carter@dmh.mo.gov
Web: www.dmh.mo.gov

**Programs for People with
Developmental Disabilities**

Bernie Simons, Division Director
Division of Mental Retardation and
Developmental Disabilities
1706 E. Elm
P.O. Box 687
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-8676; (800) 207-9329
Web: www.dmh.mo.gov

Councils on Developmental Disabilities

Susan Pritchard-Green, Director
Missouri Planning Council for Developmental
Disabilities
1716 Four Seasons Dr., Suite 103
P.O. Box 687
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-8611; (800) 500-7878 (In MO)
E-mail: spritchard-green@mpcdd.com
Web: www.mpcdd.com

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Shawn de Loyola, Executive Director
Missouri Protection and Advocacy Services
925 S. Country Club Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109
(573) 659-0678; (800) 392-8667
E-mail: mopasjc@earthlink.com
Web: www.moadvocacy.org

Client Assistance Program

Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency listed
above

**Programs for Children with Special Health Care
Needs**

Gary Harbison, Chief
Special Health Care Needs
Department of Health and Senior Services
930 Wildwood Drive
P.O. Box 570
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-6246; (800) 451-0669
Web: www.dhss.mo.gov

State CHIP Program

(health care for low-income uninsured children)
MC+ for Children
Missouri Department of Social Services
(888) 275-5908
Web: www.dss.state.mo.us/mcplus/index.htm

Programs for Children and Youth who are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Mark Laird, Deputy Director
Rehabilitation Services for the Blind
Family Support Division
615 Howerton Court
P.O. Box 2320
Jefferson City, MO 65102-2320
(573) 751-4249; (800) 592-6004
E-mail: mark.laird@dss.mo.gov
Web: www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb/index.htm

Dr. James Sucharski, Superintendent
Missouri School for the Blind
3815 Magnolia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 776-4320; (800) 622-5672
E-mail: webmsb@msb.k12.mo.us
Web: www.msb.k12.mo.us

Programs for Children and Youth who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Barry Critchfield, Interim Director
Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
1500 Southridge Dr., Suite 201
Jefferson City, MO 65109
(573) 526-5205 (V/TTY)
E-mail: mcdhh@mcdhh.mo.gov
Web: www.mcdhh.mo.gov

Barbara Garrison, Superintendent
Missouri School for the Deaf
505 E. 5th Street
Fulton, MO 65251-1799
(573) 592-4000
Web: www.msd.k12.mo.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or with Speech Impairments

(800) 735-2466 (V)
(800) 735-2966 (TTY); 711 (TTY)
(877) 735-7877 (Speech to Speech)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Jim de Jong, Director
ADA and I.T. Center
Great Plains Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center
University of Missouri/Columbia
100 Corporate Lake Drive
Columbia, MO 65203
(573) 882-3600 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)
E-mail: ada@missouri.edu
Web: www.adaproject.org

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Carl F. Calkins, Director
UMKC Institute for Human Development
Health Sciences Building
2220 Holmes Street, 3rd Floor
Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 235-1770; (800) 444-0821 (V)
(800) 452-1185 (TTY)
Web: www.ihd.umkc.edu

Special Format Library

Dr. Richard Smith, Librarian
Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 387
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0387
(573) 751-8720; (800) 392-2614 (in MO)
(800) 347-1379 (TTY/ in MO)
E-mail: wolfner@sos.mo.gov
Web: www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/

Missouri Assistive Technology

Address:

1501 NW Jefferson

Blue Springs, MO 64015

Phone: (816) 655-6706; (816) 655-6700;
(800) 647-8557, (816) 655-6711 TTY

Contact: Brenda Whitlock

Title: Project Director

E-mail: brenda.whitlock@att.net

Web: www.at.mo.gov

Programs:

E.T.C.

Equipment Technology Consortium

Missouri Assistive Technology operates the Equipment Technology Consortium (ETC) which is a short-term assistive technology equipment loan program for school districts and agencies in Missouri. Districts or agencies can borrow equipment on behalf of individuals with disabilities to try out the equipment before purchasing, for use during the time equipment is in repair, or for other short-term needs. Districts or agencies can borrow equipment for up to six weeks. The program includes a wide range of equipment including switches and mounts, computer access devices, environmental controls, hearing devices, home modifications, visual aids and augmentative communication devices. For more information:

- **Phone :** (877) 781-6275
- Email: David.Baker@rockhurst.edu
- Website: <http://etc.rockhurst.edu/>

KAT

The Kids Assistive Technology Program

can provide limited funding for assistive technology, vehicle access modifications and some home access modifications for children under age 21. To get an application form or to ask questions about the KAT program, contact Elaine Houtman at Missouri Assistive Technology via e-mail at ehoputman@swbell.net or call (800) 647-8557.

Show Me Loans

Show Me Loans is a low-interest loan program to enable Missourians to purchase assistive technology equipment and devices, home access modifications and vehicle access modifications for persons with disabilities in Missouri. For more information, contact Missouri Assistive Technology at (800) 647-8557. You may also send an e-mail to Eileen.belton@att.net

Swap Shop

Missouri Assistive Technology keeps a listing of equipment that consumers would like to buy, sell, trade or donate. Contact Elaine Houtman at Missouri Assistive Technology via e-mail at ehoputman@swbell.net or call (800) 647-8557.

Special Education Reimbursement Program

The AT Reimbursement Program is designed to assist school districts in covering the costs of assuring students have the assistive technology they need in order to receive a free and appropriate

education under IDEA. Only school districts can apply for this program. A request must be tied to a specific student for whom assistive technology is specified in the student's IEP. The cost of the devices must be between \$1,000 and \$5,000. For more information, contact David at 1-800-647-8557 or by e-mail at davidbkr@swbell.net

TAP

The Telecommunications Access Program, provides adaptive telephones (TTY, amplifies, large button, etc.) to people with hearing, vision and physical disabilities. If you qualify for the program you will be provided assistance to select the equipment you need and to install and use the equipment at no cost. For more information regarding an adaptive telephone, contact Gay at 1-800-647-8557 or 816-373-9315 (TTY) or by email at gayjones@swbell.net. For more information regarding computer adaptation, contact Roselie at 1-800-647-8557 or by e-mail at Roselieb@swbell.net.

Computer Recycling

Missouri AT Recycling Program for Computer Equipment provides low cost, refurbished computer systems (CPU, monitor, keyboard and mouse) to consumers with disabilities.

Individual and Family Support Organizations

Missouri Deaf-Blind Association

Address:

353 E. Caddo Street
Fair Grove MO 65648
TTY: (417) 759-1334

Contact: Carolyn Sue Alflen
Email: csuejw@cs.com

Summary: Missouri Deaf-Blind Association (MDBA) mission is to empower people who are deaf-blind, visually disabled, and hearing impaired: to live a more independent life, to share their feelings and experiences with others, and to learn and use tactile sign language, tracking, and other methods of communication. MDBA also educates and provides awareness of deaf-blind community. MDBA meets odd month for socials, meetings, activities, and field trips. MDBA has membership which is renewed yearly and publishes four newsletters per year. MDBA is an affiliate of American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB).

Missouri Parents Act

Address:

8301 State Line Rd
Suite 204
Kansas City MO 64114
Fax: (816) 531-4777
TTY: 800-743-7634

Contact: Mary Kay Savage
Title: Executive Director
Email: msavage@ptimpact.com
Phone: (816) 531-7070

Contact: Connie Smith
Email: csmith@ptimpact.com
Website: <http://www.ptimpact.com>

Summary: This organization is a state-wide non-profit parent training and information center for families with a child with any kind of disability. It was established in January 1988 and has regional coordinators. Services include training, information and fact sheets and support on Special Education Law with a resource library, and teaching parents to advocate for their children's educational rights. A brochure is available and a newsletter is published quarterly. Several resources are available in Spanish. MPACT's mission is to ensure that all children with special needs receive an education, which allows them to achieve their personal goals.

National Family Association for Deaf-Blind

Address:

141 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, New York 1105
(800) 255-0411

Contact: Linda Syler

Title: President

E-mail: nfadb@aol.com

Website: <http://www.nfadb.org>

Summary: The National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB) is a national organization that advocates for all persons who are deaf-blind, supports national policy to benefit people who are deaf-blind, encourages the founding and strengthening of family organizations in each state and collaborates with professionals in each state and collaborates with professionals who work with persons who are deaf-blind. NFADB Board Members can be contacted to share information and provide resources and referrals. The states in NFADB Region 7 include: IA KS MO NE.

American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB)

8630 Fenton, Street, Suite 121
Silver Spring, MD 20910
TTY: (301) 495-4402
Voice: (301) 495-4403

Fax: (301) 588-8705

<http://www.aadb.org>

The American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB) is a national adult consumer advocacy organization for people who have combined hearing and vision impairments. AADB is open to all persons who are deaf-blind and individuals directly concerned with their well being, including spouses, children, friends, and health care professionals

Helen Keller National Center For Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults (HKNC)

111 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050-1299
(516) 944-8900

Fax: 516-944-7302,

TTY: 516/944-8637

<http://www.hknc.org/>

HKNC is a national program that provides evaluation, short-term comprehensive vocational rehabilitation training, work experience training and assistance to deaf-blind clients for job and residential placements.

Hilton/Perkins Program - Perkins School for the Blind

175 N. Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 972-7220

Fax: (617) 923-8076
<http://www.perkins.org>
collinsm@perkins.org

Hilton/Perkins program provides consultation, training and technical assistance to programs throughout the nation and in developing countries. Emphasis is on program development for multi-handicapped blind and deaf-blind infants, toddlers and school-aged children.\

Informational Websites

A to Z DeafBlindness: This web site has been developed by James Gallagher, who is himself deafblind. It has links to many other sites and includes such interesting sections as poetry page and videos for training.

<http://www.deafblind.com/>

A Deafblindness Web Resource: This web site is an extensive listing of internet resources related to deafblindness.

<http://www.deafblind.co.uk/>

Boys Town Hospital: National Center for the Treatment and Study of Ushers Syndrome

<http://www.boystownhospital.org/Usher/index.asp>

CHARGE: CHARGE Syndrome Foundation: Family web site for information about CHARGE Syndrome and related resources

<http://www.chargesyndrome.org>

DB-LINK - The National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness: “Information to nurture, empower, and instruct children who are deaf-blind”

<http://www.tr.wou.edu/dblink/>

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD): For information about rare syndromes and disabilities

<http://www.rarediseases.org/>

resources: Newsletters are published by California Deaf-Blind Services.

<http://www.sfsu.edu/~cadbs/News.html>

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired: A comprehensive site, with information about a wide variety of topics relating to blindness, visual impairment, deafblindness, and children with multiple disabilities.

<http://www.tsbvi.edu/>

VI Guide: A guide to internet resources about visual impairments for parents and teachers.
<http://www.viguide.com/>